



Rhode Island
Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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December 12th, 2016

RE: 2016 Application for the Rhode Island state waters Atlantic herring permit

To Whom It May Concern,

Fishermen wishing to participate in the Atlantic herring state waters fishery during 2017 must complete the following application. Upon completion, the application should be mailed to **RIDEM - Division of Fish & Wildlife, Attn: John Lake, 3 Fort Wetherill Road, Jamestown, RI 02835**, or emailed to (john.lake@dem.ri.gov), or faxed to 423-1925 at the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Once the application is received, reviewed, and accepted by both the Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the Division of Law Enforcement, a Rhode Island State Waters Atlantic Herring Fishing Permit shall be issued for the vessel.

Keep the following in mind when submitting an application:

- 1.) All operators listed on the application MUST have a valid 2017 commercial fishing license and vessel declaration sticker for application approval. Permits will NOT be issued if your RI state commercial marine fishing license and vessel declaration has not been renewed for 2017.**
- 2.) To participate in the RI state waters Atlantic herring fishery you must submit a valid email address to RIDFW and have onboard the vessel an electronic device capable of receiving emails from the river herring avoidance network.**
- 3.) River herring (alewife and blueback) possession is prohibited while fishing in state waters; captains are advised to follow “move along” advisories when issued.**
- 4.) Captains are responsible for impacts with fixed gear, the chart distributed by the Division displaying potential clusters of fixed gear in and around RI state waters must be kept on the vessel.**

Please review the application and applicable regulations before signing, as they describe the rules and requirements of the permit program. For any further questions, please contact John Lake, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Marine Fisheries Section at (401) 423-1942.

Submit completed applications to:

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2017 APPLICATION FOR THE RI STATE WATERS ATLANTIC HERRING PERMIT

This application is to solicit from the DEM Divisions of Law Enforcement and Fish & Wildlife a permit to fish for Atlantic herring in Rhode Island state waters and possess in excess of 2,000 pounds as put forth in RIMF Regulations 7.19, 7.20, 10.14 and 11.17 (regulations in effect as of 1/1/2013) for the vessel named below. Possession of Atlantic herring in excess of 2,000 lbs while fishing in state waters will cease when the federal Area 2 quota is reached.

Conditions:

- 1. All captains listed on the application MUST have a valid 2017 commercial fishing license and vessel declaration sticker for application approval. Permits will NOT be issued if your RI state commercial marine fishing license and vessel declaration has not been renewed for 2017.**
- 2. All captains must submit a valid email address to RIDFW and have onboard the vessel an electronic device capable of receiving emails from the river herring avoidance network.**
- 3. All captains are aware that river herring (alewife and blueback) possession is prohibited while fishing in state waters; captains are advised to follow “move along” advisories when issued.**
- 4. All captains are aware that they are responsible for impacts with fixed gear, the chart distributed by the Division of Fish and Wildlife displaying potential clusters of gear in and around RI state waters must be kept on the vessel.**
- 5. Non-compliance with the provisions of RIMF Regulations 7.19, 7.20, 10.14, 11.13, or 11.17 (regulations in effect as of 1/1/2013) or the enrollment agreement shall subject the vessel to revocation of enrollment and participation in the RI state waters Atlantic herring commercial fishery for the subsequent year. If for any reason an Atlantic herring federal area 2 fishery does not exist by regulation, the vessel’s privilege to commercially fish RI state waters for Atlantic herring in excess of 2,000 lbs will be suspended for the same calendar time period.**
- 6. The program for Atlantic herring will terminate when the federal Atlantic herring area 2 quota has been harvested as determined by Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), whichever first occurs. The possession limit for Atlantic herring, per vessel, will be 2,000 lbs per vessel per calendar day upon termination of the program. The Division of Fish and Wildlife will provide notice of the termination of the program.**

By signing below the individual(s) agree(s) to follow the RI state waters Atlantic herring agreement and the program regulations as set forth in RIMF Regulations 7.19, 7.20, 10.14, 11.13, and 11.17 (regulations in effect as of 1/1/2013). **The owner and any individuals who will be operating the permitted vessel must sign below.** All other RIMF Rules and Regulations governing Atlantic herring are still in effect.

Vessel Name: _____

Vessel USCG DOC#/State Reg#: _____

Vessel Email: _____

Owner Name (Print): _____

(If owner will also be an operator, please also enter owner information below under operator)

Owner Signature: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Rhode Island Commercial License Number: _____

Owner Email: _____

Operator (1) Name (Print): _____

Operator (1) Signature: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Rhode Island Commercial License Number: _____

Operator Email: _____

Operator (2) Name (Print): _____

Operator (2) Signature: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Rhode Island Commercial License Number: _____

Operator Email: _____

Operator (3) Name (Print): _____

Operator (3) Signature: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Rhode Island Commercial License Number: _____

Operator Email: _____